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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Proposed Project: Enhancing Substance Abuse Treatment Services to Address Hepatitis Infection Among Intravenous Drug Users Hepatitis Testing and Vaccine Tracking Form (OMB No. 0930-0300) - Extension

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), is responsible for the Hepatitis Testing and Vaccine Tracking Form for the prevention of Viral Hepatitis in patients in designated Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs). There are no changes to the form or added burden.

This form allows SAMHSA/CSAT to collect essential Clinical information that will be used for quality assurance, quality performance and product monitoring on approximately 264 Rapid Hepatitis C Test kits and 10,628 doses of hepatitis vaccine (Twinrix, HAV, or HBV). The above kits and vaccines will be provided to designated OTPs serving the minority population in their communities. The information collected on the Form solicits and reflect the following information:

- Demographics (age, gender, ethnicity) of designated OTP site
- History (Screening) of Hepatitis C exposure
- Results of Rapid Hepatitis C Testing (Kit) and Follow-up information
- Service Provided (type of vaccine given) Divalent vaccine (Twinrix- combination HAV and HBV) or Monovalent vaccine (HAV and/or HBV)
- Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes (Information regarding the beginning, continuing or completion of vaccination series)
- Type of Referral Services Indicated (i.e., Gastroenterology, TB; Mental Health,
 Counseling, Reproductive/Prenatal, etc.)

This program is authorized under Section 509 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act [42 USC 290bb-2].

The form increases the screening and reporting of viral hepatitis in high risk minorities in OTPs. The information collected allows SAMHSA to address the increased morbidity and mortality of hepatitis in minorities being treated for drug addiction.

The SAMHSA/CSAT Hepatitis Testing and Vaccine Tracking Form supports quality of care, provide minimum but adequate clinical and product monitoring, and provide appropriate safeguards against fraud, waste and abuse of Federal funds.

The table below reflects the annualized hourly burden.

Number of	Responses/Respondent	Burden Hours	Total Burden Hours
Respondents			
Screened			
50,000	1	0.05	2,500

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 8-1099, One Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857 *OR* e-mail her a copy at summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments must be received before 60 days after the publication in the Federal Register.

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